



# Washington State Emergency Management Council Seismic Safety Committee

Emergency Management Division  
Washington Military Department

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| <b>Purpose</b>    | Prepare and submit to the Emergency Management Council (EMC) statewide strategies, policies, and recommendations that address the seismic threat through mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery activities. This will be established through a collaborative effort and consensus of committee members representing stakeholder organizations across the state.   |  |
| <b>Objectives</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify and promote existing state, local, and regional mitigation initiatives that model implementation of committee advocated strategies</li><li>• Coordinate the development of a statewide strategy for educating, mitigating, planning and responding to the threat of seismic events</li><li>• Promote an effective and coordinated mechanism to assess and disseminate risk and threat information</li><li>• Identify resource opportunities to include but not limited to funding, equipment, staffing, and technology</li><li>• Provide a forum for general coordination and the exchange of information among federal, state, local, and private entities</li><li>• Recommend legislation and policy changes to improve and enhance statewide seismic safety</li><li>• Develop a method for an annual assessment report of statewide implementation of seismic safety improvements, deficiencies and needs to the EMC using a consistent format and method</li><li>• Evaluate and prioritize recommendations on the basis of cost-benefit to the life safety, property, environment, and economic vitality of the State of Washington</li></ul> |  |
| <b>Membership</b> | Department of Natural Resources-State Geologist<br>University of Washington-State Seismologist<br>EMC Representative-Building Officials<br>Cascadia Region Earthquake Work Group<br>Washington Association of Hospitals<br>Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction<br>Office of Financial Management Policy & Budget<br>Washington State Association of Counties<br>Federal Emergency Management Agency Region X<br>Office of Community Services-Growth Management<br>Office of the Insurance Commissioner<br>Washington State Emergency Management Association<br>Association of Washington Businesses<br>United States Geological Survey (USGS)<br>Infrastructure Assistance Coordinators Council (IACC)<br>Other entities as the EMC may designate   | Department of Health<br>Department of Ecology<br>Association of Washington Cities<br>Washington State Patrol<br>State/Local Tsunami Work Group<br>Washington Public Ports Association<br>Department of Information Services<br>Department of Transportation<br>Emergency Management Division<br>American Society of Civil Engineers<br>Structural Engineers of Washington<br>Washington PUD District Association<br>County Road Administration Board<br>NOAA/PMEL<br>Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs |
| <b>Guidelines</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The committee will function under the direction of the EMC and in accordance with its by-laws</li><li>• The committee will meet monthly or as needed, to make decisions, provide guidance and propose statewide seismic policy</li><li>• Membership and other appropriate sources will provide staffing and support for subcommittees formed to work specific functional areas. A more permanent staff support plan may be developed</li><li>• Options to appropriate funding for the committee will be examined including the use of federal grants, state general funds, and/or a combination from the participating agencies</li><li>• Committee will advise EMC and carry out other functions as the EMC may direct</li></ul>  |  |
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